

Caverns Stargazing Campout

On Friday, September 2nd, Lewis & Clark Caverns will again host “Star Gazing Under the Caverns Sky” with Thomas Satterly. Satterly is one of our favorite presenters and we are happy to have him back for our ninth annual stargazing campout. He will have a large reflecting telescope on hand to give everyone a chance to gaze upon some unique features of the night sky. Besides star gazing Satterly will offer some wonderful interpretation on how people enjoy the night sky.

The program is \$6 per vehicle for non residents. Camping in the group use area is \$4 per person with advanced registration (5 and under free) and includes a breakfast at the campground’s pavilion the morning of Saturday September 3rd. Campsites are limited for this wonderful family opportunity so sign up as soon as possible. The programs begin at 8:30 PM and campers can start setting up their site at 6:30 PM.

Reservations are required for the special event campout & breakfast!

For more information call (406) 287-3541

Special Interpretive Events

Bat Week

Due to the success we had the last few years, August 16 to August 20 will be our sixth annual Bat Week at Lewis & Clark Caverns. There will be two special tours <

“The Misunderstood

Bat” will occur on Tuesday the 16th and Wednesday the 17th at 6:45. Bat programs will be held Thursday and Friday night in the campground featuring bats and the important roles they play in our lives. For fees and reservations please call.



Birding Day

This summer Lewis & Clark Caverns State Park will again host a day for the birds. Our fifth annual birding day will be on June 18th meeting at 8:00 AM at the Main (lower) Visitor Center. We will be visiting the park’s different bird habitats throughout the morning on several short hikes. This is a great experience for birders of all levels.

All regular campground programs and naturalist walks are free to Montana residents.

Non residents are required to pay a \$6 day use fee, or be registered campers at the park to enjoy these programs.



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2016 Lewis & Clark Caverns State Park Interpretive Events



Cave Tours offered daily

May 1 to September 30

Tour Times:

May 1 to June 14: 9:00AM to 4:30PM

June 15 to Aug 19: 9:00AM to 6:30PM

Aug 20 to Sept 30: 9:00AM to 4:30PM

Tour Fees: Adults: \$12

Children 6-11: \$5 Children 5 & under: free



Friday Evening Programs

Our 2016 guest speaker lineup. All programs at 8pm unless otherwise noted. **HM** designates a presenter from Humanities Montana.

May 27 “Kid Gloves & Brass Knuckles:
The Life of Nancy Cooper Russell”
Mary Jane Bradbury, Living Historian **HM**

June 3 “Bears of MT”
Kevin Frey, FWP Grizzly Bear Biologist

June 10 “Song of the Dawn Priests: A History
of the Crow People”
Franco Littlelight, Artist & Storyteller **HM**

June 17 “The Boulder Batholith’s Massive
Volcanic Eruptions”
Kaleb Scarberry, Geologist

June 24 “Geology of the Lewis & Clark
Caverns Area”
Alan English, Hydrogeologist

July 1 “The Jefferson River Canoe Trail”
Thomas Elpel, Author and President of the
Jefferson River Canoe Trail

July 8 “Campground Appraisals”
Connie Olind Certified Appraiser’s Guild of
America

July 15 “Sgt. John Ordway of the Lewis &
Clark Expedition”
Arch Ellwein, Living Historian **HM**

July 22 “Bats: Not just in caves!”
Matt Bell, Naturalist & Bat Educator

July 29 “Chinese in Montana”
Ellen Baumler, Montana Historian **HM**

Aug 5 “George Bird Grinnell & Glacier NP”
Hugh Grinnell, Researcher

Aug 12 “York’s True Freedom!”
Chris Dantic, Park Manager, Montana State Parks

Aug 19 “Bats!”
Karen Schulz, Interpreter, Montana State Parks

Aug 26 “Pronghorns of the US West”
Byron Butler, Biologist & Educator

Other Special Programs

We will once again be offering a special **Bat Tour** on Friday May 20 at 6:30 PM. The Bat Tours are \$12 adults and \$5 children 11 and under.

After Dark Programs

These special late night events will be held this year to continue some unique offerings.

“*Things that go Bump*”, a special night walk returns on Saturday July 2. 9:00 PM

June 4. 8:30 AM **National Trails Day**, Join us to help with trail work or weed pulling to improve the trails we all use and love.

Music by the Caverns

For a third straight year this popular event is back as our newest annual tradition. Lewis & Clark Caverns State Park will be hosting 3 full days of music this summer. Music by the Caverns will be held on June 26, July 24, and August 27. These day long events will feature a diverse collection of local talent performing a variety of different musical styles. These performances are free to Montana residents and registered campers. Please call the park for further information. (406) 287-3541

Saturday Naturalist Walks

Our naturalist led walks feature the diverse wildflower and bird species of Lewis & Clark Caverns State Park. There will be a limited slate of walks this year due to staffing changes in the park. The walks will be held at different times, so please check times or call Tom @ (406) 287-3541

All walks will meet at the park’s Main Visitor Center east of the campground.

April 30 7:30 PM Owling Walk \$4
Come learn about the park’s owls. 2 miles

May 14 6:30 PM “The Nature Loop”
A short walk on the park’s nature trail and a little beyond. 1-1.5 miles

June 18 8:00 AM “7th Annual Birding Day” We will have morning walks to see many different park birds. (3+ miles spread out)

July 9 9:00 PM “Bats on the River” \$4
A night walk to check out some of the park’s many bats. Short Walk

August 20 8:00 PM “Spotted Bat” During our Dat Week we will try to find one of our most unique park animals, the Spotted Bat. (1 to 2 miles)

Ranger Programs

We will offer limited Ranger Programs in 2016 when staff is available. These will be offered on select occasions and during Holiday Weekends.

Times subject to change and other walks not listed above may become available. For more information on our guided hikes contact Tom Forwood @ (406) 287-3541 or fwptforwood@gmail.com.